

# MILSATCOM Air Force Terminal Programs New Horizons Symposium

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# Outline

- Organization - the MILSATCOM community
- Mission - The big picture and our little piece
- The future of MILSATCOM

Overview of Programs

Industry opportunities

Future needs/trends



# Organization

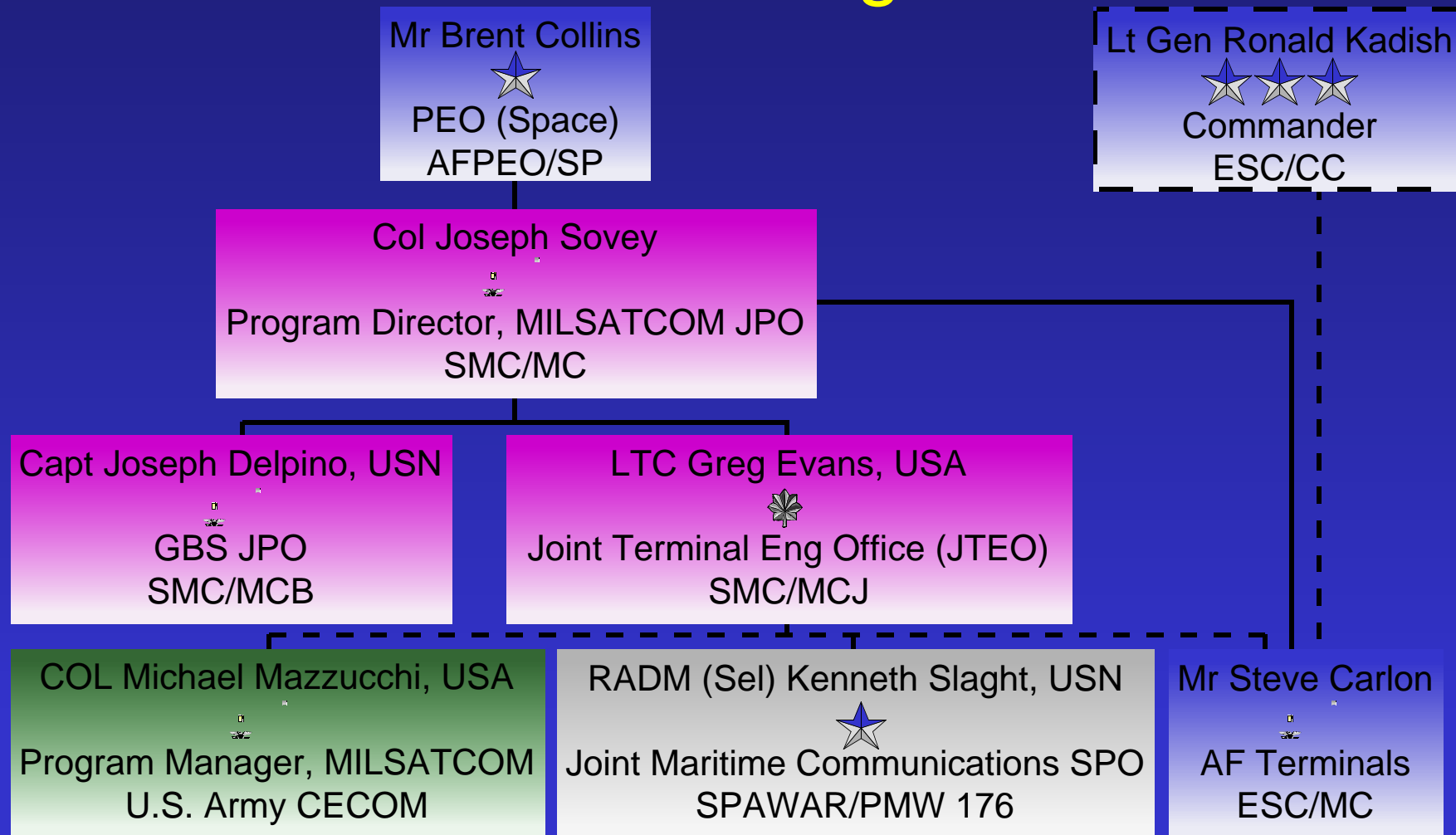
## The MILSATCOM Community

- ESC/MC is just one player on the team
- The Decision Makers!
  - Joint Space Management Board (JSMB)
  - Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC)
  - Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Space (DUSD(Space))
    - Office of the Space Architect (DoDOSa)
  - Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA)
  - United States Space Command (USSPC)
  - Air Force Director of Operations (AF/XO)
  - Air and Space Command and Control Agency (ASC2A)
  - Air Force Chief Information Officer (AFCIO)



# Organization

## MILSATCOM Joint Program Office



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# Organization

## Air Force Terminal Program Office

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# Mission

## Air Force Terminal Program Office



“Singularly responsible to develop, procure, deploy, and sustain all Air Force satellite terminals for the global communications needs of the national command authorities and theater land, naval and air warfare forces in all levels of conflict. Integrates advanced and existing technologies to provide interoperable terminals for ground and airborne platforms.”



# Mission (continued)

## Military Satellite Communications



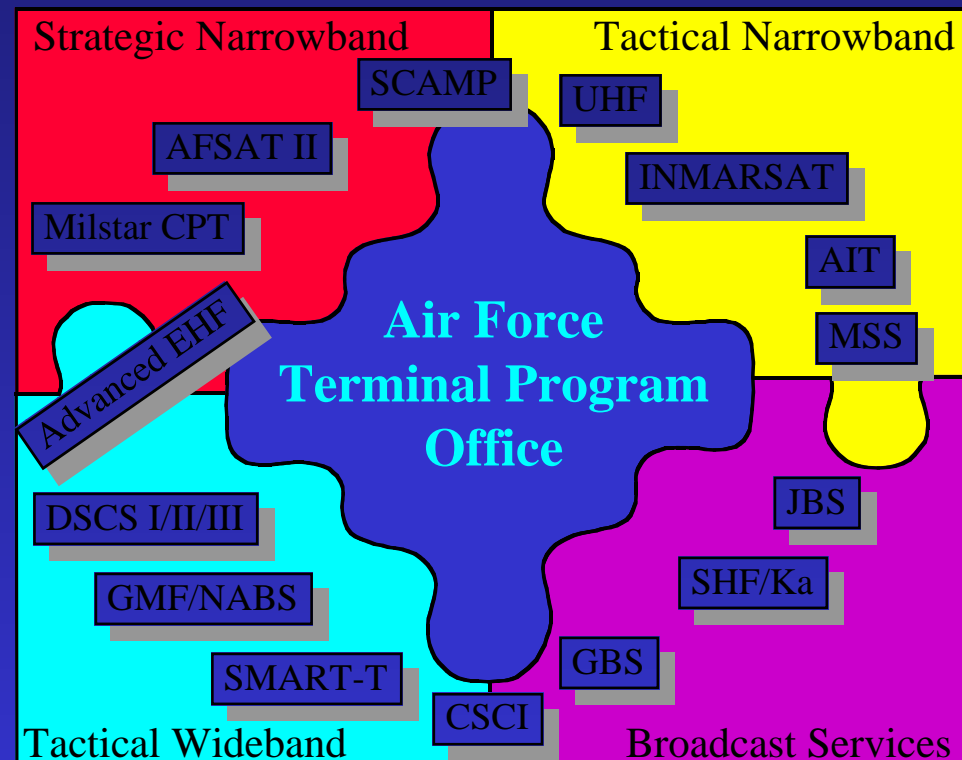
**Provide beyond line of sight (BLOS) communications to military forces in a variety of situations and missions.**



# Mission (continued)

## Air Force Terminal Program Office

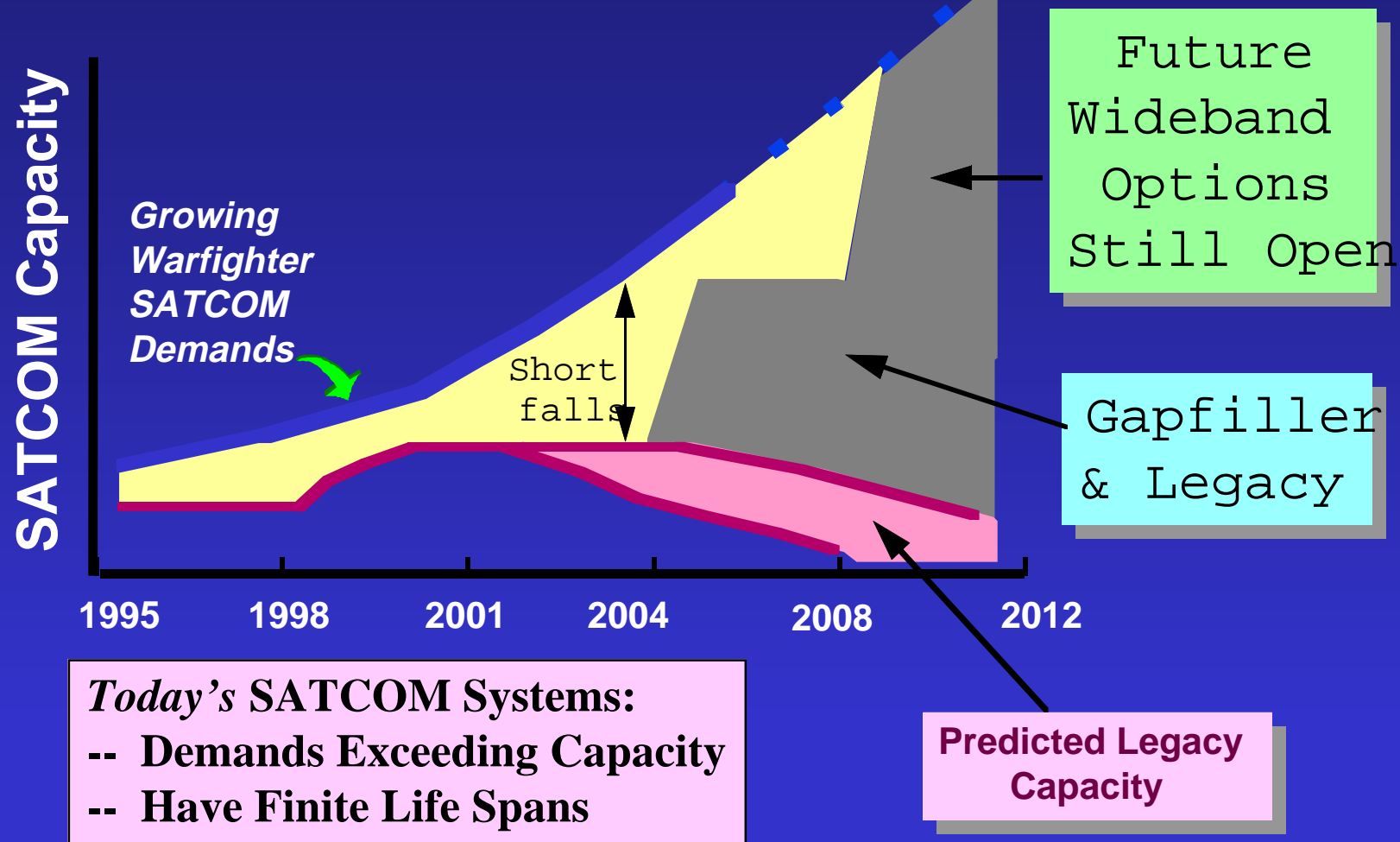
- Meet warfighter needs
  - Air Force users
    - Ground and Airborne National Command Authority (NCA) users
- Maximize cooperative efforts with government and industry
  - Army Ground Terminals
  - Commercial Ventures





# Mission (continued)

## Use of MILSATCOM Increasing



# Overview

## Current and Future MILSATCOM

- Large population of legacy terminals and satellites
  - Any new systems must be backward compatible or have replacement for legacy system

- Current Procurements

How do you meld current acquisitions with both legacy systems and an “fuzzy” future

- Near-Term Solutions

Bridging the gap between “today” and “tomorrow”

- Long-Term Goals

Here is where we want to go, but...

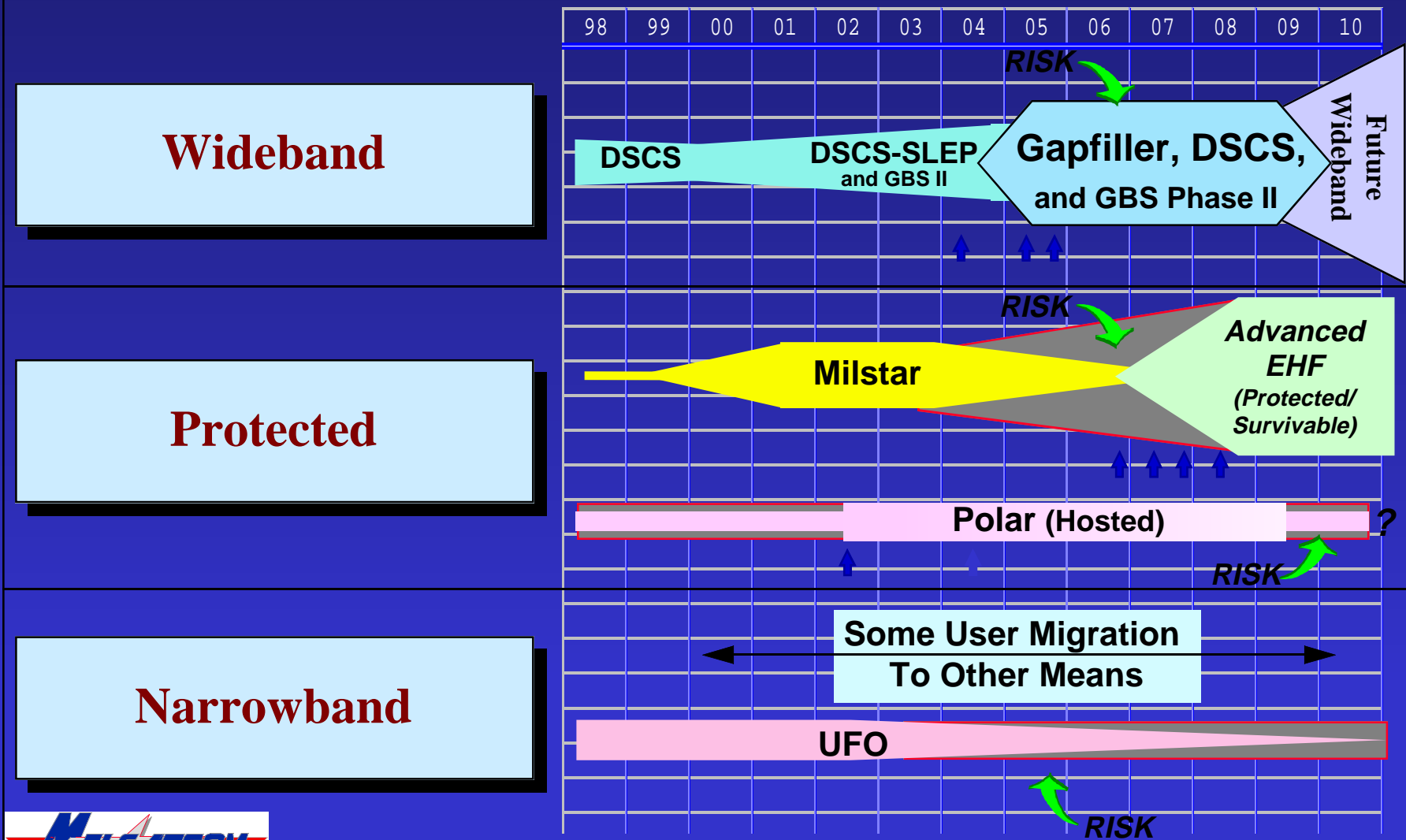
...how to we get there...

...and can we afford it?



# Overview (continued)

## Future MILSATCOM Architecture



# Overview (continued)

## Current and Fielded Systems

- Wideband

  - Defense SATCOM System (DSCS) Terminals

  - Lightweight Multiband Satellite Terminals (LMSTs)

  - Single Channel Transponder System (SCTS) Terminals

  - Global Broadcast Service (GBS)

- Protected

  - AF Ground Command Post Terminal (AFCPT)

  - Mobile Ground Station (MGS)

  - SMART-T/SCAMP (Army)

  - Advanced EHF MILSATCOM Engineering Model

- Narrowband

  - Enhanced Manpack UHF Terminals (EMUTs)

  - Home Integrated Terminal (AIT)



# Overview (continued)

## New Projects

- Wideband
  - Ground Mobile Forces (GMF) Replacement
- Protected
  - Airborne Advanced EHF Terminal
  - Fixed Site SCAMP (GWEN Replacement)
- Narrowband
  - Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)



# Industry Participation - Air Force Terminals

- ESC/MC is looking to collaborate with industry in terminal technology and doctrine development
- Demonstrations - EFX and Others
  - Opportunities for CRDAs and vendor prototyping
- Commercial Exploration
  - Looking at fulfilling AF customers needs with commercial alternatives in the areas of wideband broadcast and personal communications services (PCS)
- Conventional Contracts



# Summary

- MILSATCOM is becoming a “linchpin” system
  - Users are relying increasingly on BLOS communications
  - MILSATCOM community is adapting architecture to meet that need
- ESC/MC is AF’s primary advocate for terminals
  - Emphasis on leveraging wideband and narrowband with commercial ventures
  - Protected services still need to be military
    - What can we learn from commercial?





# Existing Contract

## AF Ground Command Post Terminal (AFCPT)

Awarded by ESC

- Raytheon
- Rockwell

Field 65 Milstar LDR  
EHF and EHF/UHF  
airborne (25), ground  
(25), and transportable  
(15) SATCOM terminals

Mission: EAM dissemination, Force Direction,  
Reportback, and ITW/AA

Users: NCA, CINCs, and MAJCOMs



# Existing Contract

## Mobile Ground Station (MGS)

Awarded by ESC

- Raytheon

Provide Milstar  
connectivity to Defense  
Support Program (DSP)  
Mobile Ground Stations  
(MGS)



# Existing Contract

## Secure, Mobile, Antijam, Reliable Tactical Terminal (SMART-T)

Awarded by U.S. Army CECOM - Feb 96

- Raytheon: DAAB07-96-C-A757

Products/Services:

- Deliver 73 SMART-Ts to AF users
- Schedule: FY99-03

Mission: EAM, Force Direction, Force Management

Users: ACC, AMC, AIA, AFSPC, PACAF, USAFE

Current value \$4.4M / estimated total value \$33.7M (AF Portion Only)



# Existing Contract

- Several Channel Antijam Manpack (SCAMP)

Awarded by U.S. Army CECOM - Feb 96

- Rockwell: DAAB07-96-C-A760

Products/Services:

- Deliver 154 SCAMPs to AF users
- Schedule: FY98-99

Mission: EAM, Force Direction, Force Management,  
Combat Control Teams (AFSOC)

Users: USSTRATCOM, AFSOC

Current value \$18M / estimated total value \$27M (AF  
Portion Only)



# Existing Contract

## Advanced EHF MILSATCOM Engineering Model

Awarded by SMC - Oct 97

- Hughes
- TRW

Products/Services:

- Risk reduction of advanced EHF SATCOM



# Existing Contract

## Defense Satellite Communications System (DSCS) Terminals

### Products/Services:

- Install, test, and modify/upgrade 35 DSCS terminals
  - GSC-39 (5), GSC-49 (15), GSC-52 (9), FSC-78 (6)

Mission: EAM, Force Direction, ITW/AA, JCS SHF  
CINC Network

Users: JCS, AFSPC, USCENTCOM, ACC, USAFE,  
AMC, PACAF, USSPACECOM, Special Users



# Existing Contract

- Lightweight Multiband Satellite Terminals (LMSTs)

Awarded by Army CECOM

- Raytheon

Products/Services:

- Deliver 66 LMSTs to AF Users

Mission: Theater Deployable Communications (TDC) at  
C-, X-, Ku-bands

Users: ACC, AMC, AFSOC





# Existing Contract

## Single Channel Transponder System (SCTS) Terminals

Awarded by ESC

Products/Services:

- Install and modify/upgrade Single Channel Transponder System (SCTS) terminals
  - SCTIS (12), ISST (57), NAOC (4), SCTR (42)

Mission: EAM, Force Direction

Users: EUCOM, NMCC, USSTRATCOM,  
USSPACECOM, USPACOM, NAOC



# Existing Contract

## Enhanced Manpack UHF Terminals (EMUTs)

Awarded by Army CECOM

Products/Services

- Deliver 919 EMUTs to AF Users through Army PM MILSATCOM

Mission: Provide UHF 5 kHz and 25 kHz DAMA SATCOM and UHF/VHF line-of-sight capability for various missions

Users: ACC, AMC, AFSOC, PACAF, USAF



# Pending Contract

## Global Broadcast Service (GBS)

Contract Award by SMC - Nov 97

- TBD

Products/Services:

- Provide satellite broadcast services to various DoD agencies



# Pending Contract

## Airborne Integrated Terminal (AIT)

RFP Released - Sep 97

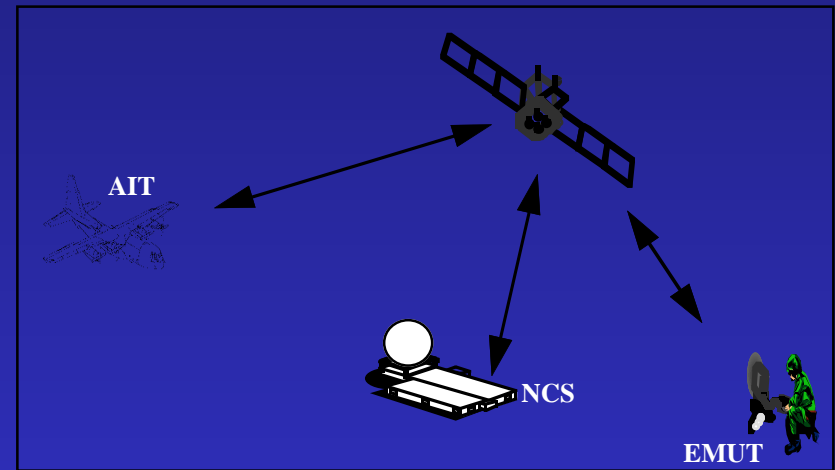
Products/Services:

- 530 terminals on 16 platforms

Mission: Provide UHF  
5 kHz and 25 kHz DAMA

SATCOM and UHF line-of-sight capability for various missions

Users: ACC (382+1), AMC (148+1)



# Overview

## New Projects

### Airborne Advanced EHF Terminal

#### Schedule:

- Issue RFP: 1Q FY00
- Contract Award: 3Q FY00

Customer: ACC, AFSOC

#### POC:

- Major Greg Juday
- ESC/MCV
- (781) 271-5538



# Industry Opportunity

Project: Airborne Advanced EHF Terminal

- ▮ Objective: develop, procure, and install advanced EHF terminal into multiple airborne platforms
- ▮ Anticipated procurement approach
  - Strategy: competitive source selection
  - Prior Efforts: LCT Demonstration Program
  - Small business opportunities: subcontracting only
  - Subcontracting opportunities:
    - Power amplifiers, antennas, terminal electronics
  - Contract type: CPAF



# Overview

## New Projects

### Fixed Site SCAMP (GWEN Replacement)

#### Schedule:

- Issue RFP: 1Q FY99
- Contract Award: 1Q FY99

Customer: USSTRATCOM

#### POC:

- Captain Joe Stupic
- ESC/MCS
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# Industry Opportunity

## Project: Fixed Site SCAMP

- Objective: produce and install EHF terminal into strategic wing operations center for reception of emergency action message (EAM)

Replaces ground wave emergency network (GWEN)

- Anticipated procurement approach

Prior Efforts: Army SCAMP program

Small business opportunities: subcontracting only

Subcontracting opportunities:

- Radomes, environmental control, site preparation

Contract type: FFP



# Overview

## New Projects

### Ground Mobile Forces (GMF) Replacement

#### Schedule:

- Issue RFP: 1Q FY00
- Contract Award: 3Q FY00

Customer: ACC, USAFE, PACAF, AETC, ANG, AFRES

Mission: Joint Contingency Operations, Tactical Air Control System

#### POC:

- Captain James Herrick
- ESC/MCS
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# Industry Opportunity

Project: Ground Mobile Forces (GMF) Replacement

- Objective: produce and install replacement terminals for AF users

Ground mobile forces (GMF) (111), NATO airbase SATCOM (NABS) (52)

- Anticipated procurement approach

Strategy: competitive source selection

Prior Efforts: GMF/NABS contracts

Small business opportunities: subcontracting only

Subcontracting opportunities: TBD

Contract type: CPAF



# Overview

## New Projects

### Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)

#### Schedule:

- Issue ECP: 1Q FY00
- Begin Delivery: 3Q FY00

Customer: ACC, AFSOC, AMC

#### POC:

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# Industry Opportunity

Project: Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)

- Objective: Produce and install MSS-compatible handsets for AF ground and airborne units
- Anticipated procurement approach

Strategy: Extend existing DISA contract to include aircraft handsets

Prior Efforts: DISA MSS Program

Small business opportunities: subcontracting only

Subcontracting opportunities: TBD

Contract type: FFP



# Future Needs/Trends

## MILSATCOM Requirements Definition

### DoD MILSATCOM Architecture

AFTPO is active player in architecture development team

Architecture shows need for long-range AF terminal plan

### AFTPO is assisting with AF SATCOM requirements

Works with AFSPC in talking to ACC/AFSOC/AMC

- Helping define of AF emerging requirements for USSPACECOM requirements database

Developed 20-year AF terminal roadmap, which includes:

- Current terminal populations & end-of-life projections
- Future term population based on current/emerging ops
- Ensures warfighter needs will be met!



# Future Needs/Trends (continued)

- Commercial airborne and mobile SATCOM is ballooning market

Iridium, Celestri, Teledesic, INMARSAT, and others are developing systems at same or adjacent frequency bands  
CSCI encourages AFTPO to craft CRDA agreements to accelerate technology insertions and demonstrations

- EFX '98 and '99 important to AF users

- Fact of life: MILSATCOM will rely heavily on commercial SATCOM services and technologies in the future!





# Future Needs/Trends (continued)

## Airborne Terminal Direction

- ▮ Single wideband (WB) terminal per aircraft
  - Simultaneous broadcast receive (~ 6-8 Mbps) and full duplex communications (~2400 bps - 2 Mbps)
    - Worldwide connectivity in theater and enroute
    - Fully integrated with the emerging C2 infrastructure
- ▮ Maximize commonality of WB terminal component
  - Baseband elements (e.g., S/W, firmware, waveform, IF,...)
  - RF variations to accommodate different frequency bands
- ▮ Reduce integration costs
  - Advanced antenna designs, adopt commercial integration concepts, fewer terminal programs



# Future Needs/Trends (continued)

## Ground Terminal Considerations

- Integration into the Air Force tactical C2 platforms (JFACC, AOC, TABs)

Backward compatible baseband I/Fs to existing systems

Smaller, less airlift, lower O&S costs

Forward compatible with new C2 systems (e.g., GCCS)

Joint interoperability

High capacity to support Common Operational Picture

- Videoconference, PTP, PTMP, broadcast, ...

- Air Force SIOP Terminals

Integration into existing infrastructure (EAM, reportback)

Nuclear survivability



# Future Needs/Trends (continued)

## Technology Focal Areas

- Airborne MILSATCOM Technology Trends
  - Minimize penetrations, protrusions and intrusions
  - Maximize coverage and data rates
- Aircraft antennas not maturing fast enough
- Solid state power amplifiers still inefficient; tube amplifiers unreliable
- General Problems
  - DoD quantities insignificant compared to commercial
  - EHF MILSATCOM far above commercial ventures
- Aircraft integration single biggest issue

